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Sir:

Applicant wishes to advise the United States Patent and Trademark Office that a Declaration was filed on October 25, 2000, to perfect Applicant's filing requirements.

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As evidence of Applicant's previous submission of a Declaration in connection with the present application, Applicant encloses a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, filed

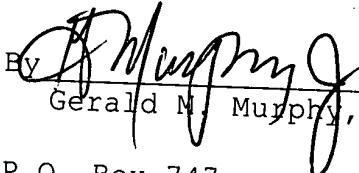
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October 25, 2000, and a copy of the postcard indicating receipt of the Declaration by the U.S.P.T.O.

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